

House Resolution No. 1189

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge momentous events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have been richly blessed down through the years; and

Whereas, Tom Rowland of Cedar Creek has attained considerable distinction upon reaching his eighty-eighth birthday, an impressive milestone which is sought by many, but achieved by few; and

Whereas, born on March 19, 1916, Tom Rowland will observe his Eighty-eighth Birthday on that same day in 2004 through a festive gathering of family members; and

Whereas, after enjoying a childhood filled with all manner of educational and rewarding experiences, Tom Rowland began a family of his own when he married his beloved Mildred in a loving relationship which has grown even more strong and deep during the ensuing sixty years; and

Whereas, the marriage of Tom and Mildred Rowland has been blessed by two sons, Larry and Lyle, who have established their own wonderful families using the example provided them by their parents; and a daughter, Carol, whose untimely death has not diminished the love and affection which her parents still hold in their hearts for her; and

Whereas, Tom Rowland supported his family down through the years by owning and operating a service station and grocery store, farming, serving as a construction worker for a telephone company, and plying his skills as a hunter and fisherman; and

Whereas, a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Cassville during the Great Depression, Tom Rowland was a Prisoner of War from 1944 to 1945 during World War II before rising to leadership positions in the community as a School Board member, church Deacon, and church youth camp Board member:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive life enjoyed thus far by Tom Rowland and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining his Eighty-eighth Birthday and our sincerest best wishes for many more celebratory occasions to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Tom Rowland of Cedar Creek, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Maynard Wallace
District No. 143

Representative Jerry Bough
District No. 142

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1189, adopted March 17, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker